

POTTSGROVE HR SPOTLIGHT ON...

Susan Cash

Susan Cash has been a part of the Pottsgrove family since 2007. She began her tenure as a German teacher at Pottsgrove High School and Middle School and transitioned to the high school English department in 2012. Susan described her path to becoming a teacher as “unusual” because she was unsure what she wanted to pursue as a career. A few things she knew for sure: she loved the German language, traveling, and literature, and had aspirations of becoming an actress. Susan decided to attend Mount St. Mary’s University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in English and German with a minor in theatre. After graduation, Susan moved to Germany and tutored English at a boarding school for one year. This experience inspired her to get her teaching certificate from Ursinus College and then started teaching German at PGSD.

During her second year of teaching, Susan began the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) at PGHS. GAPP is an annual exchange program with a high school in Bonn, Germany, and the goal is to fully immerse students in German culture and language. PGHS German teacher Mrs. Gwen Gundrum has since taken over the program. During her five years of being a German teacher, Susan began developing Advanced Placement (AP) curricula and it was through her instruction of literature that she gained an interest in becoming an English teacher. Susan went on to earn her master’s in English in 2018 from Villanova University.

Susan is married to her wonderful husband Brian and has two sons, Jude and Paul, with whom she spends a lot of her time. She enjoys watching her sons play soccer and test for their taekwondo belts, and taking care of her five chickens. When she isn’t cheering on her sons from the sidelines, Susan can be found doing laundry, grading, grocery shopping, or listening to audiobooks. Susan’s hidden talents include singing, acting, and crocheting. One of Susan’s favorite things is making her students laugh!

When asked what makes her Pottsgrove Proud, Susan shared that she’s so proud of the work her students do in her class and how they treat one another. She added, “It’s impressive when a student is an outstanding achiever, and talented...remarkable in so many ways, but also kind and humble. And then to learn that all the while the student was facing something pretty heavy...those students inspire me.” Thank you, Susan, for sharing your diverse background and experiences with the Pottsgrove community!

